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TOPIC Soviet Rail Shipments in the ERFURT-EISENACH Area
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The following Soviet rail movements were observed in the ERFURT (M 51/J 36) - EISENACH (L 51/H 76) area between 17 September and 1 October 1949:

17 September 1949:

Twenty-two trucks and ten passenger cars () were unloaded in EISENACH from a train which had come from the direction of GOtha (M 51/J 06). +

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18 September 1949:

A train of 30 boxcars, occupied by troops with red-bordered black epaulets, and 8 flatcars, loaded with sidecar motorcycles and two field kitchens, arrived in ERFURT from the direction of GOtha. ++

26 September 1949

A train of 25 boxcars, occupied by troops, proceeded from the direction of ERFURT towards GOtha ()

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27 September 1949:

An empty train of 24 flatcars and 6 boxcars arrived in CRANKEL (M 51/J 14). Ø

28 September 1949:

A train of boxcars and flatcars, the latter carrying tanks, proceeded from the direction of ERFURT towards NEUDIETENDORF (M 51/J 26). Three tanks were observed on the train. ++

1 October 1949:

a. A train coming from the direction of WEILAR, passed through ERFURT and proceeded towards NEUDIETENDORF, carrying the following troops and materiel:

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Troops with red-bordered black epaulets on six boxcars
 Six 150-mm guns with prime movers
 Trucks with [redacted] and
 One field kitchen on 20 cars. 00

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b. Another train in the afternoon carried the following
 troops and materiel:

Troops with red-bordered black epaulets on eight boxcars
 Six 150-mm guns with prime movers
 Trucks [redacted] and one
 field kitchen on 24 cars. 00

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[redacted] Comment:

+ Presumably a supply shipment of motor vehicles

++ Possibly troops returning from maneuvers

+++ Shipment of soldiers to be discharged

0 Empty train to pick up troops from maneuvers

00 Component units of the 21st Gds Heer, 21st and 21st Gds Army
 Hq units [redacted] The re- 25X1
 port does not indicate whether the trains proceeded to GARDRUF
 or LIGENACH (KILBEL troop training grounds). It is assumed that,
 in October 1949, large-scale maneuvers were conducted in the
 GARDRUF - ARNOLD - KILBEL area, with component units
 of both the XXVIII Gds Ltz Rifle Corps and of the XXIX Gds Ltz
 Rifle Corps participating.

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